



Attleboro Historical Commission

Government Center – 77 Park Street
Attleboro, Massachusetts, 02703



Minutes – June 3, 2021

Due to current COVID-19 pandemic the meeting was held both in-person, at the Attleboro Area Industrial Museum, and via Zoom video conferencing.

Regular Members:

In-person: Marian Wrightington (Chair), Brian French, Bette Fuller, Rachel Killion, Jerry Raposa

Zoom: Bill Lewis, Brian Ludwig

Alternate Members:

In-person: Blake Reynolds, Jerry Turcotte, Len Yutkins

Zoom: Chris Frappier, Brian Hatch, Erica McAvoy

Guest: Erica McAvoy (Zoom)

Meeting called to order by Chair, Marian Wrightington at 6:36 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion was made by Bill Lewis to accept the minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Bette Fuller. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Attleboro Historic Preservation Society – still working to put together 2021 programming, no dates set yet meeting over the summer to discuss programming.

Schoolhouse Conditions – Muggsville: Marian received a letter from Mayor Paul which CC'd to Carol Brown asking for estimate on project. Marian will contact Carol with more information.

Dist. 17: repairs needed on shutters and chimney.

Zoning and Planning Notices – four properties on Pleasant Street: 700, 728, 734 (MACRIS 157) & 750 (MACRIS 158) have been purchased by same group. 700 & 728 will have their septic systems replaced. Marian contacted Zoning and Planning Dept. to see if demolition permits have been requested, but no answer yet. Would need to go before Conservation Commission due to wetlands.

Attleboro Land Trust – Hike Attleboro day will be July 17, 2021 - hub for information will be at the Richardson Nature Preserve. New O'Donnell property off Bishop Street will be opening soon.

Burial Grounds – Jerry T. will stop by Follett soon. Ben Cote will be doing more work at Dodge cemetery.

Postcards – Chris had one sale since last meeting. Jerry T. talked with Level Acres Farm to see if they are interested in selling them, he will check back with them. No word back from Attleboro Arts Museum.

OLD BUSINESS

Switch Tower – Erica spoke MHC would like and updated MACRIS form.

Wolfenden Smokestack Replica – nothing new, pile of loam has been nearby for a while.

Depot Canopy – Brian F. heard from Ron Morgan that it is on MBTA project list, maybe soon. He will let Brian know when a project manager has been assigned so we can communicate with them.

South Main Street Arch – Ron Morgan passed on our concerns about mortar; proper mortar is being used.

Donations – No word yet, needs to go through City Council.

Historic Corridor (Newport Ave.) – nothing new.

Briggs Hotel – Not heard back yet about what owners thought of ideas on 5 mock-up panels.

Evelyn Silva Gallery – (Hill-Roberts Elem.) Ree Clarke's pictures will be removed soon.

Pleasant Street Project – discussion that we craft a generic letter to new homeowners that they have an historic home. Subcommittee to watch real estate transactions: Brian F., Jerry T., Rachel and Blake.

Preservation Awards – discussed sending awards for 2019 and 2020, no ceremony and to start fresh with 2021 awards.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership – Blake Reynolds is officially an Alternate Member. Erica McAvoy has not heard back from Mayor yet.

Donation – Brian J. Buja donated paintings by his mother, Alice Lightfoot (b. 1906 - d. 1981 - from Plainville). Six Attleboro related paintings were accepted.

AAIM said no to stenography equipment donated last month, so it will go to Gary Demers, Museum at the Mill.

Read Street Sidewalks – Denise Antaya called about sidewalks; worried that would impact stone walls. Mayor contacted, he will not be taking down stone walls.

447 Oak Hill Ave – has been demolished.

May Street Sidewalks – planning sidewalks on May Street and corner at Newport Ave.

Highland Country Club – need to pick a time to meet at clubhouse to pick up items AHC wanted. Brian F., Bette and Jerry T. can help Marian.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION

Attleboro Community Academy (AHS) – contacted Marian; she dropped off historic site guides and Capron Monuments guide. They may work on Peck Cemetery.

Park Street VFW – organizing pictures and had Marian by to show her what they are doing (not donating).

Metals & Controls - Marian purchased a framed 1958 picture of Metals & Controls (TI) and will donate it to AAIM.

Website - City Website needs to be updated with Member changes.

Next Meeting – TBD Fall 2021

Adjournment – 7:51 PM